

August 3, 2019

re: Shooting at Cielo Vista Wal-Mart

Our Fellow El Pasoans:

The mass shooting that was visited on our community today has left us both heartbroken and filled with resolve. In the face of the worst, El Paso responded with its best. We're incredibly grateful for the work our first responders did to keep people safe and proud of how many people immediately offered to donate their blood, their services, and their time to help those affected by this shocking violence.

We've already worked directly with Governor Abbott to identify state funding and resources that are being deployed immediately to assist the victims and their families. You can also count on us to continue working to understand the who, what, and why behind the shooting; we'll keep you informed as we do.

As we learn more, we intend to translate that into action in Austin. You elected us to make El Paso safe and prosperous, so we refuse to stand idly by wringing our hands as if nothing can be done to make these crimes less likely in the future. It can, so we'll fight.

In the meantime, please join us in supporting those affected by this tragedy in every way we can. The bonds of love and fellowship we all share are stronger than the hatred and fear that confronts us now. Let's stand in that power together and lift each other up.

El Paso Strong,

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